



Preparation for Worship

*Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

—Hymn 698

Voluntary

There Is a Happy Land

George Shearing
(1937-2011)

Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ Opening Sentences

With endless creativity,
God forms and shapes our lives.
Each of us bears the image of our maker.
Each of us is made in love.

✠ Hymn 5 ([see page 10](#))

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

✠ Prayer of Confession

O God,
you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ,
yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand.
The works of our hands crumble around us,
and our best efforts are not good enough;
sin is real, and we are powerless before it.
Forgive us for thinking we know best.
Mend our broken values
and create in us hearts that seek your purposes,
so that what we build with our lives may give you glory.

silent prayer

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✦ Response *(sung twice)*

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995

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TAKE ME AS I AM
7.7.7.4.

✦ The Peace

Peace be with you. **Peace be with all.**

Conversation with Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-35

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Omar Rouchon

silence and stillness

✦ Hymn 751 [\(see page 11\)](#)

From the Nets of Our Labor

HAMILTON

Offering

Offertory Anthem

A Scottish Blessing

David Blackwell
(b. 1961)

Be a light before to lead me; be a guiding star above;
Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always know thy love.
There is no bird that soars the mountain, there is no deer upon the hill,
there is no creature of the forest, but shall sing thy praises still.

Be a kindly shepherd for me, keep me safe through all my days;
Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always sing thy praise.
There is no life that swims the ocean; there is no creature of the sea;
there is no fish within the river, but proclaims its praise for thee.

As the day falls into evening, as the night is lit with stars,
at the ending of life's journey may thy heavenly peace be ours.
Let every creature in God's kingdom, let every life upon the shore
sing praise to God, the world's creator, sing praises now and evermore.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

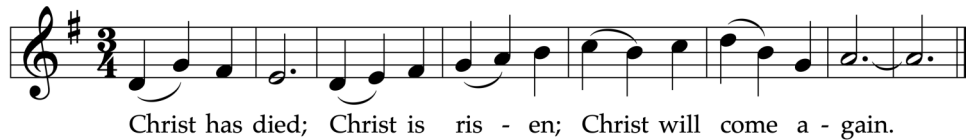
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God . . . Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior . . .

We offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2006
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Pavlechko)

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . .

We bless you, God of glory, now and forever.



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AMEN (Pavlechko)

As the children of God, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

Anthem

Draw Near

Jonathan Willcocks
(b. 1953)

Draw near and share the body of the Lord.
Draw near and drink the blood of the Lord,
that we may share his eternal love.
Draw near and be blessed by Jesus from above.
Draw near and share the body of the Lord.

Draw near and eat of the body of the Lord,
that we may share his eternal love.
Draw near to his glory,
and then we shall be blessed by Jesus from above.
Draw near and share the body of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

✦ Charge and Blessing

Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.

Voluntary

Fanfare for a New Day

J. Wayne Kerr
2012

SERVING TODAY**Liturgist**

Meg Scott-Johnson

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Jane Malczewskyj, pianist | Randall Swanson — director of music & organist

FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by Susan and Robert Estill to the glory of God and in celebration of our 52nd wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP NOTES

Communion today is received by intinction. Please come forward via the center aisle, receive a piece of bread, and take a small cup of grape juice. Gluten-free bread is also available. You may return to your pew via the side aisles. Those with difficulty coming forward may receive communion in their seats by signaling the servers. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion today.

An additional offering is received when communion is celebrated. Gifts brought forward during today's offering will benefit Hope and Healing Center and Institute. You may also make a secure contribution through [MyStPhilip](#) or by sending a check to the church office, with "Communion Offering" in the memo line.

Hope and Healing Center and Institute's vision is a world in which mental health care is easily accessible by all. Their mission is dedicated to improving access to care for individuals and families affected by mental illness through education, training, clinical & supportive services, and research.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Jeremiah 18:1–11 — *At the potter's house, God says: Like clay, the people are in my hand.*
- Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 — *O Lord, you have formed me; I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*
- Philemon 1–21 — *Paul writes to Philemon about Onesimus: welcome him as a brother.*
- Luke 14:25–33 — *Speaking of towers and battles, Jesus explains the cost of discipleship.*

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Carolyn Vestal; Lane Fletcher; Renee Wright; Dick Howard; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Sid Wells; Amye Webster; Mary Sinderson; Jan Ostendorf; Lee Larkin; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Yvonne Hayes – mother of Lorrie Castle; Gene Moore – brother-in-law of Bonnie Moore; Donna Harris – sister of Joyce Fugit; Ryan Willis – son of Robin and Gary Willis; Alma Fonseca- mother of Angelina Fonseca; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Carol Paine Kendrick – sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; Mac Wilson – father of Butch Wilson; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Alan Rowe – father of William Rowe; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; and Warner Fassnidge - Brian Webster's stepfather.

Homebound – John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Marion Takehara; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians – Paul Faegan – friend of Jacquie Colton; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Clayton Amacker – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email:

deacons@saintphilip.net

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES KICK-OFF NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 11 AT 9:45 A.M. - RALLY DAY!

GODLY PLAY (Age 3-Kindergarden) – Room 104 – Our preschool class uses a curriculum called “Godly Play,” developed by Jerome Berryman in Houston, and utilized in reformed churches all over the world. Godly Play encourages children to use the language of Christian and multiple sense to express what they innately know about God.

ELEMENTARY (Grades 1-5) – Room 105

YOUTH (Grades 6-12) – Room 205

Both the Elementary and Youth classes will use the PCUSA's new *Follow Me* curriculum. These lessons are based on 36 practices that Jesus engaged in and taught his followers about. Learners will locate these practices in scripture, while engaging in conversation about the practices in their daily lives. With a wide variety of developmentally-aligned activities, conversation starters, and questions to ponder outside of class, this curriculum calls us all to follow Jesus and live out his example every day.

SPa (St. Philip Adults) – Room 200 – This year, SPa returns to its same place and time. We will use the adult resources from the new *Follow Me* curriculum to guide our informal weekly discussion about biblical practices such as hospitality, forgiveness and honoring sabbath. All adults of any age are welcomed to participate - grab some coffee and join us. There is no need to prepare or purchase materials for class, so come as you are able!

CHURCH & SOCIETY – Room 201 – Church and Society regularly features speakers and presentations on a variety of contemporary and historical matters of faith and practice. This class meets from **9:40 a.m. -10:45 a.m.** with presentations in person and some by Zoom, projected in the classroom.

Sept. 11 - Church & Society celebrates the opening day for St. Philip Sunday school classes on Rally Day, 9:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Join us as we return to Room 201, or join us by Zoom, for the Church & Society Class Reunion and Preview of the Fall 2022 C & S Presentations. **Sept. 18** - “What worries me, and what gives me hope, after tracking Houston for 41 years.” Presented by Dr. Stephen Klineberg - Founding Director, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Rice University and author of Prophetic City: Houston on the Cusp of a Changing America.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – Bible study is an ongoing and thorough investigation of the multi-dimensional Word of God. In this class, we also consider the insights of other translations and scholars to deepen our understanding of God's continuing message of faithfulness to God's people. All are welcome to join.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD WHITE RACIST? Yes, that's the title of the next book to be read and discussed by the Social Justice Study Group, which will begin its new study year in September. The group meets by zoom on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Persons interested in joining our group can do so by sending an email to welcome@saintphilip.net and typing in PSJ Study Group in the subject line. For our next year's study, beginning Tuesday, **Sept. 6**, we will continue the anti-racism theme with a book by Kerry Connelly, *Good White Racist: Confronting your Role in Racial Injustice?* The book, published by Westminster John Knox Press can be ordered from the PC(USA) bookstore or from Amazon or from Bookshop.org (a book supply service supporting local book stores).

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Sept. 8** and we will discuss *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

GUIDED TOUR OF ST. PHILIP—We probably all know where the Sanctuary is, but do you know where the Choir Room is? Or the Children's Chapel Room? Or the Pastors' Offices? The Welcoming and Membership Committee invites anyone interested—and especially those who may be newer to the St. Philip community—to join us in a short walking tour of the St. Philip campus, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on **Sept. 18**. We'll visit the key spaces where we worship, serve, learn, and share fellowship. You'll also hear a bit about some of the activities of our congregation, like the Men's Fellowship and the Mission Committee. Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to St. Philip or not. You'll get to know your church home better, and there will be breakfast!

When: 10:00 a.m., Sunday, **Sept. 18**

Where: Meet in the Gathering Area, the open space with tables near the Sanctuary.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN—All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email welcome@saintphilip.net.

The first meeting of the year will be an all circle study on Sunday, **Sept. 25** after the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday Morning Saints

Second Monday of each month—10:00 a.m.

Sunday Circle

3rd Sunday of each month—12:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening Circle

1st Thursday of each month—7:00 p.m.

#TRUSTBLACKWOMEN—On Tuesday, **Sept. 27** at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee is hosting a one-hour discussion of the April 25th Presbyterian Outlook #TrustBlackWomen issue. This issue was funded by a grant from St. Philip's Central Endowment Fund. The program will consist of a prayer in the issue, highlights of three articles, a conversation about other celebrations we might like to host, and a poem in the issue. All are invited. The meeting invitation is available by going to <https://bit.ly/StPhilipTBW> or contacting Judith Hiott at Judith.Hiott@outlook.com. A limited number of copies are available by contacting the Church Office. We hope to see you there.

Save the Date!

October 16

Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service

Luncheon with Fellowship and Stewardship Committees

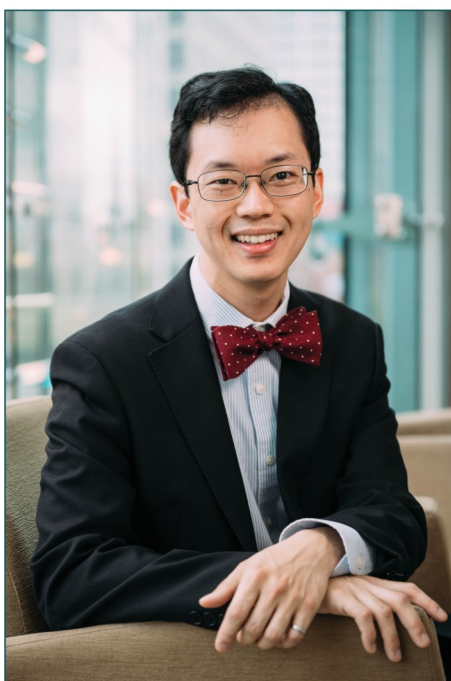
MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP

2022 SUMMER ORGAN CONCERTS

Presenting recent winners of the highly prestigious Canadian International Organ Competition

— GRAND FINALE PROGRAM —

Aaron Tan • Philippines / Canada
SUNDAY | **SEPTEMBER 18, 2022** | 3:00 p.m.



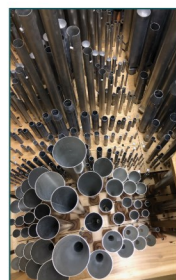
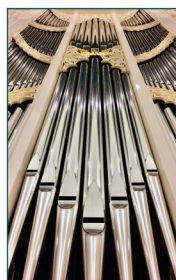
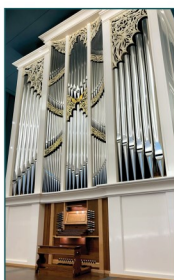
*“the most engaging performance
I have witnessed in a long time”*

Choir & Organ magazine | February 2022

“Despite many faultless performances from other finalists, winner Aaron Tan seemed to place himself in another league.” (*Choir & Organ* magazine) Winner of both the **2021 Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC)** and the **2018 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP)**, Aaron is truly in a league of his own. One of the world’s leading young artists — **not to be missed!**

“a marvel to behold”

ClevelandClassical.com | February 2019



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Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphilip.net.

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,
we seek to be an inclusive,
grace-filled community,
engaging the world with open minds,
willing hands and generous hearts.

WE LONG
for deeper faith,
vibrant hope
and boundless love
for everyone, every day, everywhere.

Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the narthex on the way into the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

A Hearing Loop is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your "T switch" to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones. **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY'S HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

Connect with St. Philip through saintphilip.net and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to lorrie@saintphilip.net.

If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

Contributions, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

Hymn 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON



1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the
 2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the
 cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the
 plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the
 calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
 dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
 har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
 proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;
 you are fount of all de - liv - erance;
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;



we are form - less; shape us now.
 we are aim - less; lead us now.
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

Despite the great sweep of these stanzas, each one ends by describing how our human condition needs God's help: formless, aimless, hungry, searching. Each of these adjectives is followed by a related three-syllable petition: shape us now, lead us now, feed us now, meet us now.

TEXT: John Thornburg, 1993, alt.

MUSIC: Amanda Husberg, 1995

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JENNINGS-HOUSTON

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Hymn 751

From the Nets of Our Labor

HAMILTON



1 From the nets of our la - bors, through the noise and con -
 2 When we faint and grow wea - ry from the bear - ing of
 3 In the eyes of the strang - er— tear - ful, joy - ous, or
 4 When we hear words of ha - tred spread - ing fear or false
 5 In each mo - ment of cour - age, stead - fast e - ven through
 6 Like dis - ci - ples be - fore us, from the cit - y or



fu - sion, from the cit - y or sea - shore,
 bur - dens, with a mes - sage of com - fort,
 fright - ened— in the face of each neigh - bor,
 wit - ness, words that cry to be chal - lenged,
 trem - bling; in the yearn - ing for jus - tice,
 sea - shore, risk - ing self - less com - pas - sion:



Je - sus sum - mons us all. We will rise up and fol - low,



Christ be - fore and be - side us, lov - ing pat - tern to



guide us, as we an - swer the call.

This text effectively evokes the call of the disciples who were fishermen (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/Luke 5:1–11), while also describing the circumstances of our daily lives through which Jesus continues to summon us to be responsive to the needs and challenges of our own day.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2004
 MUSIC: John R. Kleinheksel Sr., 2004
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HAMILTON
 7.7.7.6 with refrain

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Hymn 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh melody, c. 1784
 Text © 1970 Hope Publishing Company

AR HYD Y NOS
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